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Review of public information activities in the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the review of public information activities in the United Nations Secretariat outside the Department of Public Information,[1]

1. *Notes* the report of the Secretary-General on the review of public information activities in the United Nations Secretariat outside the Department of Public Information, and looks forward to the submission to the relevant intergovernmental bodies of the comprehensive review referred to in its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001 along with the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Information and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

2. *Decides* that the comprehensive review referred to above should address also the language versions of publications issued outside of the Department of Public Information.

[1] A/C.5/56/17.

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ESCWA documents and publications

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretariat on the languages used for preparation of documents and publications of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,[1]

1. *Recalls* its resolution 56/253 of 24 December 2001;

2. *Urges* the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to comply with all relevant provisions of resolution 44 (IV) of 28 April 1977, whereby the Commission decided, inter alia, that all documents to be submitted to the Commission should, as far as possible, be drafted in Arabic;

3. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretariat on the languages used for preparation of documents and publications of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia[1] and looks forward to the report of the Secretary-General on the progress achieved in the production of documents and publications in Arabic as stipulated in its resolution 56/253 for its consideration at the fifty-seventh session.

[1] A/C.5/56/19.

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